

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMPANIES SUPPLYING DUAL-USE ITEMS TO IRAQ: THE NEED FOR SUNSHINE

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 1996

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, on November 1, 1995, I wrote to Secretary of State Christopher about companies supplying dual-use technologies to Iraq. My basic question is: Why aren't the names of companies providing dual-use or military items to Iraq made public?

On December 20, 1995, I put into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a reply from Rolf Ekeus of UNSCOM to a similar letter I wrote (E2429).

On January 18, 1996, I received a reply from the Department of State, and the text of the correspondence follows:

COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, November 1, 1995.

Hon. WARREN CHRISTOPHER,
Secretary of State, Department of State, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I write with respect to the question of companies that supplied or are supplying dual-use goods, services or technology to Iraq, and the use of those dual-use items in Iraq's programs to build weapons of mass destruction.

At the time of the creation of UNSCOM by U.N. Security Council Resolution 687 in April, 1991, it had been my impression, from both U.S. officials and from UNSCOM, that the names of companies supplying dual-use items to Iraq eventually would be made public. Thus far, to my knowledge, no such list has been made public.

I continue to think that it is important to make information about all such companies public, on the theory that sunshine is the best deterrent of such transfers of dual-use items in the future.

I would like to ask a number of questions:

1. Why has a list of companies supplying dual-use items to Iraq not been made public?

Who, or what governments, are locking the release of such information?

2. What is U.S. policy on the publication of such a list of companies?

Is the United States pressing UNSCOM to release such a list of companies?

Is the United States pressing the Security Council to direct UNSCOM to release such a list of companies?

3. Does the United States plan to make such a list of companies public?

Does the U.S. plan, at least, to make public a list of U.S. companies that supplied dual-use items to Iraq?

Thank you for your time and attention, and I look forward to your early reply.

With best regards,
Sincerely,

LEE H. HAMILTON,
Ranking Democratic Member.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, DC, January 18, 1996.

Hon. LEE H. HAMILTON,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. HAMILTON: I am writing in respect to your recent letter to Secretary

Christopher regarding companies supplying dual-use technology to Iraq. The Department very much appreciates your interest in, and leadership on, this critical issue.

As you indicated, the U.N. Special Commission on Iraq (UNSCOM) has not published any list of companies supplying dual-use items to Iraq. We asked for such lists some time ago, shortly after UNSCOM started its work. UNSCOM explained that supplying such lists would make it impossible for UNSCOM to carry out its primary responsibility: to account for and dismantle Iraq's weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and monitor Iraq's ability to make such weapons in the future.

In the same resolution that created UNSCOM (Resolution 687), the Security Council directed Iraq to declare all of its weapons of mass destruction and the facilities used to manufacture them. Iraq, in fact, failed to do this. As a result, UNSCOM became entirely dependent on information from other governments to build a picture of Iraq's weapons arsenal. Governments are only willing to share this information with UNSCOM in confidence. Were UNSCOM to publish lists of companies that did business with Iraq, governments would stop sharing this vital information. This would cripple UNSCOM's ability to fulfill its basic mandate.

We have stressed to UNSCOM the need to approach governments to take action against their companies which have engaged in prohibited weapons trade with Iraq. We have offered to approach governments ourselves to add weight to UNSCOM's own approaches. However, given UNSCOM's continued dependence on foreign government cooperation, it believes publication of lists like those described in your letter would be counterproductive.

You also raise the issue of the U.S. government publishing a list of U.S. companies engaged in such activities. State did distribute to Congressional committees during the first year of inspections lists of U.S. firms involved in dual-use trade with Iraq prior to the Gulf War. We are not aware of any subsequent lists, but we will be consulting with the Commerce Department on this issue.

We hope this information is helpful to you. Please continue to call on us whenever you believe this Department might be helpful.

Sincerely,

WENDY R. SHERMAN,
*Assistant Secretary,
Legislative Affairs.*

THANK YOU HELEN G. JACOB

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 30, 1996

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished community service of Helen G. Jacob, on the occasion of the opening of the Department of Veterans Affairs Western New York Healthcare System Women's Wellness Center dedicated in her honor.

Ms. Jacob has served the State of New York as the chairperson of the Rehabilitation Committee for Women Veterans, a project

which she initiated in 1984. She has also served as the vice president of the National Historians' Association, Area I, which encompasses 12 States and 3 separate countries.

In addition to these remarkable duties, Helen Jacob is also the women's coordinator for the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Buffalo, NY. In this capacity, she has selflessly dedicated countless hours on a volunteer basis to the personal needs of both inpatient and outpatient women in the medical center's care.

Helen also holds the prestigious honor of being the only woman elected as Commander of the American Legion of Erie County, a position responsible for approximately 14 thousand members in over 50 posts.

Since its inception in 1992, Ms. Jacob has provided insight and expertise in Veteran related issues on my 30th Congressional District Veterans Advisory Committee. Helen's insight and sage advice on matters concerning our Nation's veterans is truly appreciated, and I unreservedly offer her my enthusiastic congratulations and commendations for this dedication.

The dedication of the Helen G. Jacob Women's Wellness Center is also testimony to the innovative spirit of the hospital itself, as it is the only one of its kind nationwide in a veterans hospital or medical center.

Mr. Speaker, today I join with the Jacob family, her colleagues, friends, all of those who served our Nation in the Armed Forces, and indeed, the entire western New York community to honor Ms. Helen G. Jacob for her dedication, hard work, and commitment to western New York and its veterans.

EVELYN DUPONT, FOUNDER OF CALIFORNIA POOLS FOR THE HANDICAPPED, INC.—A ROLE MODEL OF COURAGE AND COM-PASSION

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday January 30, 1996

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege to honor one of Long Beach CA's most admirable citizens—Evelyn duPont who has shown our community a personal courage and a public compassion that move far beyond the norm. Stricken with a crippling disease, she rose above its physical limitations to give others the opportunity to do the same.

Evelyn duPont has dedicated her life to the rehabilitation of people with disabilities and to the rejuvenation of senior citizens. It is a dedication that was born of personal tragedy. In 1952, Evelyn contracted polio and faced a life of braces, wheelchairs, and crutches. But here determination to lead an active, contributing life propelled her beyond their confines.

As a former international aquatic competitor, instructor, and water show star, Evelyn knew of the healing and healthy properties of aquatic exercise—especially for those with crippling

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